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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

- 1) US 5,016,026
- 2) US 2003/0052695
- 3) US 4,562,743
- 4) US 6,615,671
- 5) GB 2 374 647
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discussion as to their relevance. In accordance with United States Patent and Trademark practice, it is no longer necessary to enclose copies of U.S. Patents.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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